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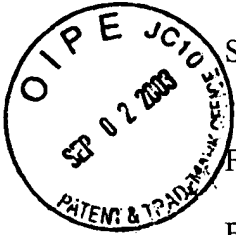
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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR FILTERING BODY FLUID



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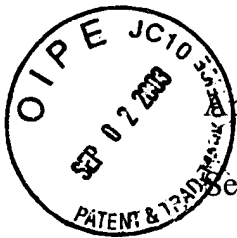
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the following information is set forth in compliance with Applicants' duty of disclosure, as well as the duty of others substantively involved in the preparation of the above-titled application.

The Applicants and others substantively involved in the preparation of the application are aware of the documents, cited on the enclosed PTO-1449 form and have enclosed copies of the listed documents.

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Applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending, commonly assigned applications.

1. The specifications of the below-listed applications are substantially identical to the specification of WO 96/01591, published 25 January 1996:

Serial No. 08/748,066, filed 12 November 1996 (Ref. No. MVA1001USC1), now U.S. Patent No. 6,605,102, issued August 12, 2003.

Serial No. 10/051,565, filed 18 January 2002 (Ref. No. MVA1001USC2), now Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0027265 A1, published June 13, 2002.

Serial No. 10/051,492, filed 18 January 2002 (Ref. No. MVA1001USC3), now Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0095172 A1, published July 18, 2002.

Serial No. 10/051,591, filed 18 January 2002 (Ref. No. MVA1001USC4), now Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0087187 A1, published July 4, 2002.

Serial No. 10/051,537, filed 18 January 2002 (Ref. No. MVA1001USC5) now Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0062135 A1, published May 23, 2002.

Serial No. 10/051,648, filed 18 January 2002 (Ref. No. MVA1001USC6), now Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0095173 A1, published July 18, 2002.

Serial No. 10/060,272, filed 30 January 2002 (Ref. No. MVA1001USC7), now Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0138095 A1, published September 26, 2002.

2. Serial No. 10/060,271, filed 30 January 2002 (Ref. No. MVA1002USC1), now Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0111648 A1, published August 15, 2002.

Serial No. 10/084,263, filed 27 February 2002 (Ref. No. MVA1002USC2), now Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0123720 A1, published September 5, 2002.

The specifications of the above applications are substantially identical to the specification of WO 01/15629 A1, published March 8, 2001.

3. Serial No. 10/093,572, filed 8 March 2002 (Ref. No. MVA1003US).

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4. Serial No. 09/824,910, filed 3 April 2001 (Ref. No. MVA1004USC1), now Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0032460 A1, published March 14, 2002.

Serial No. 10/060,854, filed 30 January 2002 (Ref. No. MVA1004USC2), now Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0133192 A1, published September 19, 2002.

5. Serial No. 10/132,562 (Reference No. MVA1005US)

A copy of this specification is enclosed herewith.

6. Serial No. 10/194,355 (Reference No. MVA1007US)

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7. Serial No. 10/194,734 (Reference No. MVA1008US)

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8. Serial No. 10/096,624 Berrada et al., filed March 12, 2002 (Reference No. ev3-1028US) A copy of this specification is enclosed herewith.

The present statement reflects the direct knowledge of the undersigned and information disclosed to the undersigned by the Applicants and others substantively involved in the preparation of the present application pursuant to their duty under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

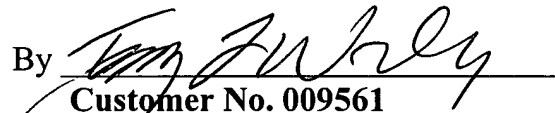
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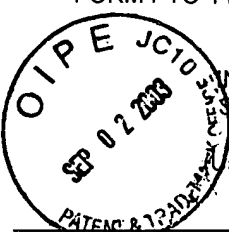
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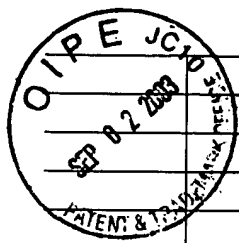
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